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Suggested Outline for a Lecture on "The Long Range Threat".

1. Open with a review of certain major factors which will be operating to determine the Soviet and to a lesser extent the Chinese Communist threat over the next decade or so. This could include among other points the following:

a. The Communist view of the world--whether peaceful competition is to be the guiding line.

b. The extent of the split in the Communist world and if it continues and widens, what effect on Communist parties around the world.

c. The US view of the world, especially the vigor with which the US is using armed force to pursue its foreign policy goals. Also the size and developmental trends in the Department of Defense.

d. The nature of political and military developments around the periphery and especially in the NATO areas.

e. The economic rate of growth of the Soviet Union and Communist China.

2. The above factors tend to determine in particular the size of the major components of the Sino-Soviet forces, and the missions assigned to them. But the base against which these factors must operate will be the investment in hardware in being or being built in the next two or so years. This leads then into a discussion of the present situation -- ICBM's, bombers, IR/MRBMs, submarine missiles, etc. Draw some conclusions also:

a. That over the next decade <sup>it</sup> <sub>A</sub> appear<sup>s</sup> <sub>A</sub> that missiles, primarily ICBM's, will be the major component strategic forces.

b. That the Soviets will continue to have large elements of bomber and missile forces with range capability which restricts them to periphery.

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c. That ground forces will continue to be large and unless unusual amount of money expended the major elements of equipment will be either present or the next generation, the technology of which is now known.

3. Talk then a little about new developments about which little if nothing can be estimated with assurance. Discuss here:

- a. Space
- b. CW/BW
- c. Lasers
- d. APM
- e. ASW

4. Then return in a closing section to speculate some on the effect of change in the major items suggested in 1 above on the military posture of the Sino-Soviet bloc.

